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1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED. FOLLOWING STATEMENT BY
GOVERNMENT OF GHANA WAS FRONTPAGED IN LOCAL PRESS
MAY 5 UNDER CAPTIONS "SUPPORT FOR US PEACE MOVES"
AND "GHANA BACKS U.S. EFFORTS."

"UNITED STATES INITIATIVE ON SOUTH AFRICA

"THE GOVERNMENT HAS NOTED THE INCREASING ROLE THE
UNITED STATES SEEKS TO PLAY IN THE SEARCH FOR A JUST
SOCIETY IN SOUTHERN AFRICA AND DECLARES ITS SUPPORT
FOR THE EFFORTS OF THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION TO MAKE
THE ADVANCEMENT OF HUMAN RIGHTS A PIVOT OF ITS
FOREIGN POLICY.

"THE GOVERNMENT THEREFORE LOOKS ON WITH CAUTIOUS
HOPE FOR THE OUTCOME OF THE PROPOSED MEETING
BETWEEN THE VICE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES,
MR. WALTER MONDALE AND THE SOUTH AFRICAN PRIME
MINISTER, JOHN VORSTER, WHICH IS SCHEDULED TO TAKE
PLACE IN VIENNA, AUSTRIA, ON MAY 19TH.

"THE GOVERNMENT, HOWEVER, WISHES TO REITERATE ITS
WARNING TO ALL PARTIES IN THE SOUTHERN AFRICAN
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DRAMA THAT TIME IS RUNNING OUT FOR PEACEFUL SOLUTIONS
TO THE PROBLEMS IN THAT AREA. J. K. ANAMAN, PRESS
SECRETARY." END UNCLASSIFIED

2. BEGIN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
COMMENT: THIS GOG STATEMENT IS UNPRECEDENTED,
COMBINING AS IT DOES PUBLIC SUPPORT FOR BOTH OUR

SOUTHERN AFRICAN POLICIES AND FOR OUR STAND ON HUMAN RIGHTS. IN THE PAST, GOG HAS OFTEN VIEWED OUR SOUTHERN AFRICAN EFFORTS WITH A BARELY VEILED SKEPTICISM. IT ALSO TOOK US TO TASK PRIVATELY FOR SOME OF THE STATEMENTS MADE IN HUMAN RIGHTS REPORT ON GHANA. WE BELIEVE THIS FAVORABLE GOG RESPONSE SPRINGS FROM SEVERAL SOURCES--ANNOUNCEMENT OF MONDALE/VORSTER MEETING, CURRENT (AND STILL QUIET) GOG EFFORT TO UNIFY RHODESIAN NATIONALISTS BY INVITING THEM TO ACCRA, AND FACT THAT AMBASSADOR DURING MAY 3 MEETING PERSONALLY GAVE HEAD OF STATE ACHEAMPONG A COPY OF SECRETARY'S APRIL 30 HUMAN RIGHTS ADDRESS. IT ALSO LIKELY THAT ACHEAMPONG WANTS TO GET IN OUR GOOD GRACES SO WE WILL RESPOND AFFIRMATIVELY TO RECENT REQUESTS FOR ADDITIONAL AID.

3. DEPT PASS OTHER AFRICAN POSTS AS APPROPRIATE.
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